



## BOSTON RECORDER.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17, 1841.

## TO THE PATRONS OF THE RECORDER.

The subscriber regrets to state, that an unexpected exigency—connected with the business in which he has of late been engaged, and involving his absence from the city for most of the year—has arisen, to prevent the consummation of the arrangements, whereby he was to assume the publication of the *Recorder* at the commencement of the coming year.

He takes this occasion to express his gratitude for the kindness and sympathy which his contemplated connexion with the *Recorder* has elicited from many friends, and trusts that the Providence which has interposed to suspend that connexion, will order the result in wisdom, and in abundant success to this old and valued establishment.

F. ANDREWS.

December 11, 1841.

Thus it will be seen, that when I supposed Providence had opened the way for me to be relieved from my long continued labors and cares, the same over-ruled Power requires me yet to remain at my post. I must therefore rely on the same Providence for strength and wisdom, to gird me anew for the conflict, and look around for such auxiliary aid as is within my reach.

It has been generally known, for several years past, that the editorial columns of the *Recorder* have been supplied by four or five Clergymen, though their names have not been announced as *Editors*. Their work has spoken for itself, and an increased subscription to the paper has proved its value. The same gentlemen will continue their aid—other Correspondents are expected to help on the good work—an able Reporter will attend public meetings—and by "brief notices" of passing events, and short abstracts of long documents, a general view of what interests the Christian will be given. Improvements will be made in the typography and in the quality of the paper, and vigorous assistance in the business department will be secured.

To be brief in this notice, I will only add, that I hope the present Subscribers to the *Recorder*, and those who may contemplate becoming such, will give the next Volume a fair trial, and I trust, they will not be disappointed.

I cannot avoid expressing my gratitude for the sympathy and kindness expressed by the Religious Press, and other friends, in view of my expected retirement—a remembrance of which will cheer me in my remaining labors. May this kindness be rewarded.

N. WILLIS.

Recorder Office, Dec. 15, 1841.

## WASHINGTON CITY.

[From our Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6th, 1841.

DEAR SIR,—As it is your request that I should resume my correspondence with your highly valuable and useful paper, I would cheerfully comply with it.

To-day the members of Congress assembled at the Capitol, and at the organization of the House an unusually large number were present. The business of the day has been merely the appointment of a few committees, and attending to some matters preliminary to entering upon the regular business of the session.

With the coming together of Congress, there is usually an increase of gaiety and fashion in the city; and if there is a position in the country where a strong religious influence is needed, it is this city of Washington. Here are not only the members of our Government and of Congress, but multitudes of strangers resort here from all parts of our country, and some from Europe.

Many devoted Christians among us have been long praying for a revival of religion; and the indications, at the present time, that God is willing to bless us, are very favorable. An unusual seriousness pervades the community, and during the last week about thirty persons have manifested the deepest interest for their soul's salvation. More than twenty of them have surrendered their hearts to Christ, and resolved to devote themselves for time and eternity to his service. This is most cheering to us, and we believe it will cheer the hearts of Christians abroad. What we want most of all is, the outpouring of God's spirit, and I would appeal to all who feel interested in the prosperity of Christ's kingdom, and urge them to unite their prayers at a throne of grace, for this blessing to descend upon our city. It is particularly encouraging to the ministers and people of God here to know that Christians in other parts of the country are interested in the advancement of religion in this city, and are praying for this object.

That the Holy Spirit is at this moment hovering over us, no one can doubt; and if, but the fervent prayers of those who have an influence at a throne of grace, ascend to Heaven, I confidently believe that we may be blessed with a powerful revival.

Why should not those who are high in power be made the subjects of God's redeeming love? Why should not this city be shaken as other cities have been, and we experience the rich blessings that flow from a revival of pure religion?

Should God in his mercy visit us, no one could estimate the amount of good that might result to our whole country from such an event. The church throughout our land might be aroused, and multitudes who are now pressing their way down to death, might flock to the standard of the cross, and enroll their names as the friends of our blessed Redeemer.

Is this too great a blessing to expect at this day, when God is every where crowning the efforts of his people with such abundant success. Besides the favorable circumstances, in the city to which I have already alluded, there is a good deal of interest felt among the young men, and a number of them have recently formed a society, called the "Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society of the city of Washington;" the object of which is to promote the moral improvement of young men.

Those who have embarked in this enterprise, feel determined to prosecute their object with energy and zeal, and their prospects for success are in the highest degree flattering. They design, as soon as possible, to establish a library and reading room, and also make arrangements for the delivery of public lectures upon literary and religious subjects.

Such an association as this is much needed in our city; and we hope, with the blessing of God, that it will be productive of immense good. It also gives me pleasure to mention that in the region round about us, there is an unusual degree of interest felt in the subject of religion. At Winchester, Va., where the late meeting of the Presbytery was held, there has been a revival, and about forty persons have been hopefully converted. At

Petersburg, Va., there is a most delightful work in progress. About one hundred are deeply anxious for their souls' salvation, fifty of whom we may number among the friends of Christ. And it is worthy of remark, that here and throughout this region, God has attended feeble efforts with the greatest blessings. The least movement among his people has seemed sufficient to secure his presence, and the outpouring of His spirit upon the hearts of the impotent.

Now if Christians here and elsewhere have any love for their Saviour; if they have any faith in his promises—if they feel at all interested in the salvation of immortal souls, this is the time for them to act. To slumber now, is to neglect a most precious opportunity for doing good. The fields are ripe for the harvest. God is ready. Christ is ready. The Holy Spirit is ready. There is no doubt of this. It is as evident as that the sun shines at noon-day; and if the church will but come up to her duty, we may have a revival in Washington, and revivals all over our land.

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## STATE OF THE JEWS.

Some statements in regard to the present condition of the Jews, were published in the last *Recorder*. We have since received some additional information, which we now communicate. It is condensed from the 33d Report of the London Jews' Society. At the Episcopal chapel, in London, during the last year, 13 adults and 7 children have been baptized. There are now 319 baptisms recorded in the baptismal register, of which 144 have been baptised as adults. There are now 26 Jews under instruction, preparing to be confirmed by the bishop of London. The Hebrew service has been continued every Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, under circumstances of great encouragement. It is attended by the Hebrew children, by all the Jewish converts in connection with the chapel, and by many others who come from a distance. Rev. M. S. Alexander, lately appointed bishop of Jerusalem, has travelled extensively, attending meetings in behalf of the Society, and performing much direct missionary labor among the Jews. It is his decided conviction, that there is among the Jews of England a secret and growing dissatisfaction with the system of Rabbinism, which they have hitherto followed. The amount of contributions received during the year was £22,938. A large amount of Hebrew Bibles, Psalters, etc., have been printed and distributed. In Holland, a great demand has been found for the Jewish Scriptures. In Poland, also, many copies have been distributed. The constitution of the Society has been lately modified so as to admit of a closer connection with the Episcopal church, while its power of independent action is unimpaired.

On the 10th of August, a young Polish Jew was baptised by the name of Philip Harris, by Rev. H. S. Joseph, in All Saints church, Liverpool; 50 or 60 Jews were present, and from 1,200 to 1,500 genitales. Messrs. Nicolayson and Johns have repaired to Jerusalem, the former by way of Constantinople, in order to obtain a firman from the Turkish government for building a Hebrew church in Jerusalem. Masons were engaged in Malta.

## LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The receipts of the last year were £20,643; the expenditures £20,391. The number of stations and out-stations belonging to the Society, in different parts of the world, is 37; missionaries 163; assistants, European and native, 528; churches, 110; communicants, 11,485; scholars, 42,222. The Society has 15 printing establishments, and 10 missionary students. Seven missionaries and four female assistants have died in the service. Twelve laborers have come back to England on account of bereavement or ill health, most of them not expecting to return to their missions. Thirty seven brethren and friends have been sent forth to supply the place of those who have fallen, or who have left the missionary field. "Our exertions," the directors say, "have fallen far short of the wishes and enterities of our constituents. Candidates for missionary service, whose characters deserve our confidence, and whose qualifications, are adapted to the work, we have been compelled to decline; and from India and Polynesia alone, we have, within the year, received loud and pressing entreaties to confess deficiencies of Christian character, and to stir up one another to more consecration to the service of Christ."

The pastor might with great propriety and profit, give a brief view of his own labors—the frequency with which different classes of the congregation had been addressed—the important subjects which had occupied special attention of the pulpit for the year—his own views of the religious history of the year.

These various topics would afford interesting subjects of remark, and most important subjects for the prayers, with which they might be intermingled also.

The contemplation of a new year also, with its duties and uncertainties, and the solemn associations connected with a new section of life, would not be omitted. In going over such a range of various and interesting topics, the warm-hearted pastor will find ample and most valuable materials for discussion, and the disciples, with such a pastor and with such topics, could not fail of being deeply interested. The last day of the expiring year, or the first of the new one, would be a most appropriate occasion for such a meeting. A most favorable opportunity this, to see what has become of so important a period of the history of a church, as a year—to thank God for his precious mercies—to recognize his providential dealings by afflictions—to confess deficiencies of Christian character, and to stir up one another to more consecration to the service of Christ.

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## INTERESTING SCENE IN NEW ZEALAND.

On the 11th of Feb. last, a missionary meeting was held in Kaitai, New Zealand. Portions of about 20 different tribes assembled. Those who were once "hateful, and hating one another," now met to manifest their gratitude to God for the word of his grace, by forming themselves into a Branch Society. Addresses were made by a number of the missionaries and by natives. The natives then came and placed their offerings on the plate; advancing in order, and depositing their gifts as they walked by the table. Each tribe came separately, headed by their chief. Old Witi, nearly 90 years of age, chief of the Mount Carmel tribe, walked up with a firm step, and placed two dollars on the plate. Another chief and his wife gave five sovereigns. Several other natives gave gold. The scene was most picturesque, as the different parties came up, many being well dressed. When the collection was over, the chairman held up the plate to view, piled with gold and silver, for nothing else was offered. The collection was more than £200.

## MISSIONS IN JAMAICA.

The same spirit of liberality exists among the native converts in Jamaica, that we have noticed above in regard to New Zealand. At a station called Rural Hill, connected with the Church Missionary Society, the colored people contributed about £200 per annum for missionary purposes, independently of the school payments, which amount to £50 more. The number of subscribers is 254. At Shiloh, more than £17 were collected; and at Mt. Hermon, £150. The gospel is represented as making rapid progress among the lower orders of society, as well as in some respectable families. The laborers are teachable, well-disposed, and industrious; work continuously and faithfully when employed, and give general satisfaction to their employers.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Sir John Jeremie, governor of Sierra Leone, was seized with a fever in the beginning of April last, and died on the 23d of the month. He was an ardent and persevering friend to the cause of Africa. The Rev. John Beecham, one of the Secretaries of the Wesleyan Mission, has published a "Sketch of the history, social state, and superstitions of the inhabitants of Ashantee and the Gold Coast; with a notice of the state and prospects of Christianity among them." This volume, it is said, will amply repay perusal. He has examined the authors who have written on the subject, and conversed with in-

dividuals who are personally acquainted with that part of the coast, particularly with the Rev. Thos. B. Freeman.—The Rev. F. W. Koeling, bishop of the United Brethren's Church, and President of the Elder's Conference of the Unity, died at Bethesda, near Hornsbut, Germany, on the 13th of December, 1840, aged 66. He took a peculiar interest in all which related to the missionary work. Among his other publications, were a concise History of the Missions in Greenland and Labrador, and a Retrospect of the History of the Brethren's Missions during the first century of their existence. Bishop Coleridge has retired from his Episcopal labors in the West Indies. For upwards of sixteen years, from the first formation of the diocese, he has presided over it with exemplary diligence and fidelity. No successor has been yet appointed.

Now if Christians here and elsewhere have any love for their Saviour; if they have any faith in his promises—if they feel at all interested in the salvation of immortal souls, this is the time for them to act. To slumber now, is to neglect a most precious opportunity for doing good. The fields are ripe for the harvest. God is ready. Christ is ready. The Holy Spirit is ready. There is no doubt of this. It is as evident as that the sun shines at noon-day; and if the church will but come up to her duty, we may have a revival in Washington, and revivals all over our land.

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## THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY.

We trust this day will be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, with reference to the conversion of the world. We believe this day has been obtained a stronger hold upon the interest of Christians throughout the land from year to year. In many places it has proved a day of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and in not a few the commencement of precious revivals of religion.

We should be happy to ascertain that not a church in the Commonwealth had neglected it. The present crisis in missionary operations seems, more loudly than ever, to demand the united resort of the lovers of the Redeemer's kingdom to him with whom is the residue of the Spirit. Their prayers have been already heard in respect to the opening of the door into different pagan and unevangelized countries; so that since the commencement of modern missionary operations, it could never have been so emphatically said, "the fields are already white unto the harvest."

It is delightful to see the friends of Zion commencing the new year with a fresh anointing of the missionary spirit, and consecrating themselves anew to the great work of making the Saviour known among the nations. With such success the Lord is well pleased.

## AN ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.

We know not how extensively any meeting, answering to the above title, is held by our churches; but we can plead for it from happy experience of its value. There are many interesting associations connected with the close of one year and the opening of another, and which may, and ought to be turned to a religious account. A diligent and anxious pastor can make a most important use of them. Let him prepare himself for this meeting by making a careful review of the religious history of the year. This will embrace the number of admissions to the church, with reference also to exclusions, dismissions, or deaths, and the number of baptisms,

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RELIGIOUS STATISTICS.—Of sixteen congregational churches in Kennebec County, Me., only three support the gospel without foreign aid. These three however contribute more to the Missionary Society, than is appropriated to all the feeble churches of the county.

Maine has 220 congregational churches in twelve counties. 120 of these are under the care of 115 pastors; 49 enjoy the services of 31 “stated supplies”; about 33 are without a constant supply—these last are all very small, and though united, two, three and four of them, in supporting the gospel, must still have aid from abroad. To these facts communicated by the venerable Dr. Gillett to the Christian Mirror, we only add the very encouraging additional one, that in no State in the Union, have the Congregational churches entered with so much heart, and with such untiring zeal, into the cause of Domestic Missions, as in Maine.

A German evangelical mission church has been reared and dedicated, in Houston street, New York, through the untiring energy of Rev. Mr. Reedy, and, through the liberality of the Christian public. It is designed to afford a sanctuary to German emigrants and their families—and is to be in charge of Mr. Reedy, who is a tried man, wise, devout and evangelical.

LIBERALITY OF THE POOR.—Within six years, the schools among the recaptured slaves at Sierra Leone, have contributed \$5000, which has been expended in the erection of schoolhouses.

CALVIN'S INSTITUTES.—The Presbyterian Board have published this invaluable work, in two beautiful octavo volumes, says the “Presbyterian,” stereotyped by donations from the first and second Presbyterian churches of Baltimore. It is said to be “well got up,” and decidedly the most correct edition of Calvin ever published in English. The retail price is but three dollars! All this is good news. A “beautiful,” nor even a decent modern edition of Calvin, we have never yet seen. Will you copy some copies stay as far east as Boston?

THE HOME MISSIONARY, FOR DECEMBER.—This is a very good little book, containing many precious remarks of the Rev. Dr. Payson. It is suitable for a New Year's Present—and may be found at Crocker & Brewster's Book store.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—We have received the last Catalogue of this Institution. The present number of students is:—Resident Licentiates, 7; First class, 38; Second class, 33; Third class, 36. Total, 120. A handsome Lithograph view of the Seminary, is appended to the Catalogue.

LECTURES POSTPONED.—The commencement of the course of lectures before the Young Men's Society for Diffusing Missionary Knowledge, has necessarily been postponed till next week, in consequence of the professional engagements of the Hon. Benjamin F. Butler, by whom the introductory is to be delivered. The time now fixed for the introductory lecture is Wednesday evening, the 22d inst.—We are happy to learn that the indications are favorable for a full auditory.

THE NEW BISHOP OF JERUSALEM.—On Monday week says the London Watchman of the 17th ult., the Rev. M. S. Alexander, the new Bishop of Jerusalem, administered the holy sacrament, in Hebrew, to a large number of persons, at the Society's Episcopal Chapel, in Bethnal-green, and in the evening delivered a farewell sermon, taking his text from the 20th chapter of Acts, commencing with the 22d verse. “And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there.” The new Bishop of Jerusalem was, seventeen or eighteen years ago, the officiating rabbi of a synagogue at Plymouth, where he was ordained by the Rev. Mr. Green, and received the hands of the late Archdeacon of Tham, in the church of Ireland, Protestant Church. His lordship is of Hebrew descent, of the tribe of Judah, and Mrs. Alexander is also of Hebrew blood and of the tribe of Levi; their eldest son Michael is a student of Christ's Hospital.

—These facts seem to have been found by the Editor, and he spread out before him, to enlighten and move his whole congregation on the subject. Indeed, there is material enough here, to furnish the basis of a series of sermons for an indefinite period—sermons of the deepest interest too, to every Christian, patriot, and philanthropist in community.

Whether the Committee of the A. H. M. S. have taken measures to give this Document a wider circulation, than is given to the whole volume, we know not—but we venture to say, that there will be a Document communicated to Congress during its present session, involving so deeply the interests of our common country as this. Armies and navies, forts and ships, with all “the pomp and circumstance” of national defence, are the mereurst and playthings, in comparison with the support and extension of those ordinances of God, by which the influences of the Gospel are to be diffused over the whole length and breadth of the land. Let Religion—pure and undefiled, establish its throne in the bosom of our fellow citizens at large, and extend its sceptre over the mass of our population, and we have naught to fear from civil dissension, from political revolts, nor from foreign invasion.

Mr. Hammond takes the charge of the Evangelical Church and Society in Kingston as their Pastor for the present. Thus this little flock of God, which has long been struggling against surrounding error, is to be supplied with the stated ministrations of the Gospel. Blessed with a faithful ministry, it is devoutly hoped, that this portion of the Lord's vineyard will become as a watered garden and a fruitful field. May the dews of heavenly grace descend upon it, and instead of the short period, for which it is understood Mr. H. is to remain with this people, may he long be retained, and gather to himself the remnant of the lost.

—The House then adjourned to Monday.

THE TEMPLE, AND THE COUNTRY PARSON. By the Rev. George Herbert. With his Life; abridged from Isaak Walton. Boston; James B. Dow, Publisher.

Mr. Dow has got out a very neat and tasteful edition of this work, which will make an acceptable holiday present, preferable, in our view, to the annuals. The Poems of Herbert, though in the quaint style of the 17th century, are yet exceedingly rich in conception, and in the poetical feeling which runs through them all. His “Country Parson,” one of it to be in the hands of every country minister in the land. Though partaking somewhat of the peculiarities of the age, and of the English church establishment; yet, it shows that human nature is the same in all ages, and that certain great principles are equally applicable in all circumstances.

THE POWER OF TRUTH.—This is a short account of the life, but particularly of the last sickness and death of Caroline Jemison, by the Rev. Hubbard Winslow, pastor of the Bowdoin Street Church, Boston, of which she was a member. Besides a brief statement of her parentage, education, conversion, general character and labors, the book is made up, for the most part, of a detail of conversations with her, by Mr. Winslow, and noted by him, from time to time, on his return to his study, for his own private benefit as pastor. The whole presents an uncommonly elevated and interesting religious experience, well adapted, on paper, to quicken and invigorate the piety of Christians, and awaken and convince those who are not pious. It brings out, in particular, the great doctrines of evangelical faith, and shows how in the mere view of death and eternity, they, and they only, are felt to be the truth of God. For sale by C. C. Dean, Mass. S. S. Depository, 13 Cornhill.

PAYSON'S THOUGHTS.—This is a very good little book, containing many precious remarks of the Rev. Dr. Payson. It is suitable for a New Year's Present—and may be found at Crocker & Brewster's Book store.

THE HOME MISSIONARY, FOR DECEMBER.—We have received the last Catalogue of this Institution. The present number of students is:—Resident Licentiates, 7; First class, 38; Second class, 33; Third class, 36. Total, 120. A handsome Lithograph view of the Seminary, is appended to the Catalogue.

LECTURES POSTPONED.—The commencement of the course of lectures before the Young Men's Society for Diffusing Missionary Knowledge, has necessarily been postponed till next week, in consequence of the professional engagements of the Hon. Benjamin F. Butler, by whom the introductory is to be delivered. The time now fixed for the introductory lecture is Wednesday evening, the 22d inst.—We are happy to learn that the indications are favorable for a full auditory.

THE NEW BISHOP OF JERUSALEM.—On Monday week says the London Watchman of the 17th ult., the Rev. M. S. Alexander, the new Bishop of Jerusalem, administered the holy sacrament, in Hebrew, to a large number of persons, at the Society's Episcopal Chapel, in Bethnal-green, and in the evening delivered a farewell sermon, taking his text from the 20th chapter of Acts, commencing with the 22d verse. “And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there.” The new Bishop of Jerusalem was, seventeen or eighteen years ago, the officiating rabbi of a synagogue at Plymouth, where he was ordained by the Rev. Mr. Green, and received the hands of the late Archdeacon of Tham, in the church of Ireland, Protestant Church.

His lordship is of Hebrew descent, of the tribe of Judah, and Mrs. Alexander is also of Hebrew blood and of the tribe of Levi; their eldest son Michael is a student of Christ's Hospital.

—These facts seem to have been found by the Editor, and he spread out before him, to enlighten and move his whole congregation on the subject. Indeed, there is material enough here, to furnish the basis of a series of sermons for an indefinite period—sermons of the deepest interest too, to every Christian, patriot, and philanthropist in community.

Whether the Committee of the A. H. M. S. have taken measures to give this Document a wider circulation, than is given to the whole volume, we know not—but we venture to say, that there will be a Document communicated to Congress during its present session, involving so deeply the interests of our common country as this. Armies and navies, forts and ships, with all “the pomp and circumstance” of national defence, are the mereurst and playthings, in comparison with the support and extension of those ordinances of God, by which the influences of the Gospel are to be diffused over the whole length and breadth of the land. Let Religion—pure and undefiled, establish its throne in the bosom of our fellow citizens at large, and extend its sceptre over the mass of our population, and we have naught to fear from civil dissension, from political revolts, nor from foreign invasion.

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